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**Keiser University Welcomes Representative Matt Hudson as Keynote Speaker for Summer Commencement Ceremony**

***More than 200 graduates are eligible to cross the stage at Friday’s event***

**Ft. Myers**, FL—June 2016—The faculty and staff of the Fort Myers campus of [Keiser University](http://www.keiseruniversity.edu/), welcome family and friends to the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2016 on Friday, June 10. The graduation will take place at the Harborside Event Center located at 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers at 7:00 p.m. The graduates will be given their keynote address by Representative Matt Hudson.

The Ft. Myers campus is pleased to announce their valedictorian, Amanda Jean Lewis who has earned her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology. She is a first generation graduate, wife, and mother who is slated as a future start for the Ph.D in Psychology. She has accepted a position as a behavior health technician at Park Royal Behavioral Treatment Center in Ft. Myers. The salutatorian, Dunamis Starr earned his Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems.

“Our graduates are celebrating a great personal and professional triumph that is the direct result of their hard work, dedication, and overcoming of many obstacles”, stated Nancy Tedros, Campus President. “For some, such as our valedictorian, Amanda Lewis, the achievement is even more personal as she represents the first college graduate in her family and will now be continuing her education to earn her Doctorate.  We look forward to celebrating with all of the proud families and friends who will be in attendance.”

Graduation ceremonies are rife with exceptional stories so sharing a story of an United States Army veteran who is crossing the stage on Friday only seems appropriate. Roy Franco, who earned his Associate in Crime Scene Technology, is currently enrolled in the Bachelors in Forensic Investigations.  Roy has been very active on campus, including his time as a Student Veteran Ambassador, and the Phi Theta Kappa President.  He frequently visits classrooms to be a guest speaker to help motivate students and get them more involved on campus.  He also spearheaded a Bowling Club in order to compete with other local colleges, such as Florida Southwestern University.

Representative Matt Hudson, the Speaker Pro Tem of the Florida House of Representatives, will provide keynote remarks to the Class of 2016. Rep. Hudson has a background in the healthcare arena and serves as Chair of the health Care Appropriations Subcommittee in the Florida House. He is also member of the Appropriations Committee, Joint Administrative Procedures Committee, the Joint Legislative Budget Commission, the Judiciary Committee, the Energy and Utilities Sub Committee, and The Select Committee on Affordable Healthcare Access. Speaker pro tem Hudson is appointed to the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Board. He previously served as Chair for the Alzheimer Purple Ribbon Task Force

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